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FRESNO, CALIF. (AP) - FIVE MEN HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL HERE
AUG. 25 ON CHARGES OF TAKING SENSITIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM CHINA
LAKE NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER IN THE MOJAVE DESERT.

ITEMS REPORTED STOLEN IN 1978 AND 1979 INCLUDED A FIVE-FOOT-LONG
REMOTE-CONTROLLED HELICOPTER; A LOW-LIGHT TELEVISION CAMERA AND
STARLIGHT NIGHT VISION SCOPES USED FOR SURVEILLANCE.

PUBLISHED REPORTS SAID THE MEN MAY HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE AIDING THE
CIA, BUT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE STOLEN MATERIAL WAS DESTINED FOR THE
DRUG SMUGGLING OUTFIT KNOWN AS THE COMPANY.
